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**DCR AND BOSTON HARBOR ISLAND ALLIANCE  
HOLDING PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS  
GEORGES ISLAND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and the Boston Harbor Island Alliance will hold a public meeting to discuss major improvements planned on Georges Island.

**The meeting is set for Thursday, March 19, from 6-8 p.m., at the Marriott Long Wharf Hotel, 296 State St., Boston.**

As a public-private partnership, DCR and the Boston Harbor Island Alliance will fund the improvements, which include renovating the administration building for use as a visitors center, constructing new maintenance facilities, and installing a renewable energy system to power the island.

“Georges Island is a transportation and orientation hub for more than 70,000 visitors a year to the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area,” said DCR Commissioner Richard K. Sullivan Jr. “The improvements made through this partnership with the Island Alliance will enhance the experience of those visitors for many years to come.”

“We’re pleased to be working closely with our state partners at DCR on this green and exciting project,” said Tom Powers, president of Boston Harbor Island Alliance. “With steadily increasing interest in the islands, these improvements are really needed.”

The Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area includes 34 islands with open space, wildlife habitats, beaches, historic sites, and undeveloped shoreline. Management of the Recreation Area is coordinated by the Boston Harbor Islands Partnership, which includes representatives from state, federal, and Boston city government, and nonprofit agencies.

Boston Harbor Islands State Park, comprising 13 of the islands, is managed by DCR.

Georges Island acts as the entrance to both the National Recreation Area and the State Park, with regular ferry service from Boston and Quincy in season. An inter-island water taxi takes visitors from Georges to other islands.

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Within its 39 acres, Georges Island offers picnic areas, restrooms, recreation fields, a concession stand, and Fort Warren, a Civil War-era National Historic Landmark.

Georges Island will be fully operational with regular ferry service during the upcoming construction. Programs, group picnics, and special event rentals will continue.

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*The Boston Harbor Island Alliance promotes public awareness and use of the Boston Harbor Islands national park area by creating vibrant spaces, facilities, and programming on the islands, raising and managing the public and private resources necessary to do so. [www.islandalliance.org](http://www.islandalliance.org) 617-223-8672.*